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County mourns teen killed in accident

by MARTHA PERKINS
Editor

One of the brightest lights at the Haliburton Highlands Secondary School and the county's most promising actor was killed in a tragic car accident in the early morning hours on Saturday.

Bob Sisson, the 18-year-old son of Vicki and Martin Sisson of West Guilford, was a passenger in a car that was struck by a pick-up truck which had crossed into the car's lane on a curve on Highway 118, just a few metres north of the entrance to Camp White Pine at approximately 3:30 a.m..

Critically injured at the scene, he died a few hours later at Sunnybrook Hospital in Toronto; his organs were donated for transplants.

There were three other local teenagers in the 1997 Chev Lumina, and many believe they are alive today because of air bags and seatbelts. One of them, Mike Morissette, who turns 16 today (Tuesday), was airlifted to Sunnybrook. Fearing internal injuries from the force of the seatbelt — which his father Paul credits for saving his life — Mike was at first listed in critical condition but as the weekend progressed, his condition was "downgraded" to stable. He is now back home in Haliburton on Monday.

The two other teens, driver Donald Todd, 18 of Lutterworth, and front seat passenger Megan Winsley of Haliburton, who was celebrating her 18th birthday, were both cushioned by air bags and were treated and released from Haliburton Hospital that morning.

The driver of the pick-up
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BURST THAT BUBBLE

At the Kennisis Lake Regatta, three-year-old Kevin Watts didn't let the judges have time to see if his mom, Susan, had won the bubble gum blowing contest in these photos by Peter Downs. Mom didn't seem to mind — the beautiful weather and chance to meet friends old and new were enough of a prize.

Our other coverage of those wonderful events of summer includes: The Haliburton Rotary Parade on page 3, Canning Lake Fun Day pages 6 and 7, Haliburton Rotary Carnival on page 17, Drag Lake Fun Day on pages 18 and 19, Haliburton Lake Regatta on page 20 and the Kennisis Lake Regatta on page 21 (with results to follow next week.) If you want even more summer fun in the Highlands, don't forget the Haliburton County Fair comes to Minden this weekend. Details are on pages 22 and 23



Rain is needed as much as fire ban

by MARIA CALABRESE
Staff Reporter

Drought-like conditions and human carelessness have sparked 20 fires in the month of August alone, and there is no sign that the hot, dry weather will let up anytime soon.

Apart from the nine centimetres of rain which fell Sunday night, there hasn't been a significant rainfall in the area since July 8, and the loss of 18 hectares to fire in the immediate area so far this month doesn't include blazes that local volunteer fire departments have battled in the past several weeks.

"The latter part of July and the first week in August, we were having lightning starts, but as the long weekend came and with this past weekend, the majority of our fires have been recreational," said Ron Mackenzie, mutual services technician with the Ministry of Natural Resource's Haliburton Fire Operations.

Most of the province has reached extreme hazard condi-

tions and a fire ban imposed by the MNR has been expanded to cover the whole province except parts of the far north and south. The ban has also been extended to midnight, Wednesday, August 13, but unless there is a significant amount of rainfall soon, the fire ban will be extended further.

Sunday night's rain was only enough to soak the top inch of ground soil, Mackenzie said. He likens this kind of downpour to

spilling water on a sandy beach; the water beads up and doesn't have time to be soaked up by the soil and the forest fuels such as leaves and grasses where moisture is needed most.

The extreme hazard conditions indicate that up to 10 inches below the ground is drying out, and it would take steady rain and humidity to reach these dry and flammable areas. And the Ministry is expecting some fires

to start in the next few days as a result of the storm on Sunday night because, depending on the moisture on the ground, lightning strikes can remain smoldering within these flammable forest fuels for up to seven days.

No open fires or wood burning is allowed during these extreme hazard conditions, and people are restricted to using Coleman or propane stoves for cooking. See NO FIRES page 2

Dust suppressant stirs up cloud of controversy

by PETER DOWNS
Staff Reporter

Country roads across the province — including many in the Highlands — are being slathered with a "toxic goo" that is harmful to animals and aquatic life, says one of the country's largest environmental groups.

The World Wildlife Fund/Canada has begun a campaign to stop municipalities from using Dombind, some-

times referred to as "black liquor," as a dust suppressant on gravel roads.

Scientific analysis shows the sticky, dark liquid with a potent odor is "a toxic soup of contaminants, including dioxins and furans, high levels of phenols and other chemicals," the organization contends.

Trenton-based Domtar Inc. provides Dombind free of charge to any township that agrees to cover the trucking costs of picking it up.

Several municipalities in Haliburton County use the syrupy substance on their roads, including Dysart et al, Stanhope, Glamorgan and Anson, Hindon and Minden.

But the WWF argues an industrial waste judged too toxic to be dumped into the water, should not be sprayed all over the province's rural roads.

"These are not the highest levels of dioxins in the world ... but there are dioxins and furans in See DOMTAR page 15

August busy accident month

After a relatively quiet July on county roads, there have been several accidents in the early days of August.

Two men received minor injuries last Tuesday morning when the brand new Porsche they were driving in was completely demolished after rolling over on Highway 121 near Minden.

The driver, 31-year-old Peter Wilson of Pickering, and his passenger, Minden resident Dave Howell, 45, both suffered shoulder injuries, cuts and bruises. The men were treated at Minden Hospital and released the same day.

Police say the car "missed a corner" then veered off the road as it headed southbound.

"It went off the road back-

wards into the ditch and flipped over on its roof," said OPP Constable Dave Hagerman.

The black, three-month-old Porsche 911 was destroyed in the accident. Police have charged Wilson with careless driving.

Police cruiser damaged

On Sunday, Minden OPP Const. Mark Lund was driving a cruiser on Hwy 35 north of Carnarvon on his way to investigate a personal-injury accident. "He drove onto a wet piece of pavement and went into the east ditch and hit a mailbox," says Sgt. Art Goard. The cruiser landed on its side but Lund was not injured.

There are few details available about the other accidents.



CALL 911 FOR THIS 911: This three-month-old Porsche 911 was destroyed when it went into a ditch and flipped onto its roof on Highway 121 near the Hwy 35 intersection last Tuesday. The driver and his passenger were luckier; they were treated and released from Minden Hospital.

No fires allowed during extremely dry conditions

FROM page 1

There are some exceptions for people staying in organized camp sites, but charcoal fires are only allowed in a permanent

installation such as a ground pit or concrete pad with a grill.

Over the Civic Holiday weekend, the MNR enforcement staff in the East Fire Region laid 50 charges totaling more than \$6,000 in fines for people caught with illegal fires, and MNR staff has been advised to increase their enforcement.

"This is by far the driest that I've seen it," said Clint McKay, deputy chief with the Dorset Fire Department. They've also had to put out several brush fires and have been answering calls reported by

concerned residents who see campers with open fires despite the fire ban.

On Saturday, during Dorset's 100th Anniversary, the Dorset firefighters were called away to a blaze at Bear Lake which McKay said was started because of human carelessness. Fortunately the fire was on Crown Land, so the Ministry came and took it over, but the series of calls is taking its toll.

"It's tough on the volunteers," McKay said. "That's one of the points I try to make when I ask people to put out their fires is we're volunteers, and you keep asking people to run and run and run then you aren't going to have many volunteers for very long."

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Some of the participants in Wednesday night's Rotary Parade in Haliburton were, clockwise from top left: Benjamin Wynn of Beatty's Sugar Bush; Extendicare; campers with the only type of campfire allowed; a piper; The School of Fine Arts' winning wolf; Rebecca and Shannon McMurray of CHACE; Rotary exchange students Jodi Reid of Carnarvon, Frederic Simonis of Belgium and Alyn Reesor from Ox Narrows; Ducks Unlimited



Alcohol suspected as contributing factor to accident

FROM page 1

truck, who police believe had been out celebrating his 40th birthday, was airlifted in the same helicopter to Sunnybrook Hospital, where on Monday morning his condition was listed as good.

The teenagers were heading towards Haliburton and Paul Morissette says they were talking about how excited they were about the next day's celebration of youth music, Lotus Fest. Bob was one of the scheduled performers and everyone felt it was going to be the highlight of the summer.

Coming towards them in the opposite direction, forty-year-old Terry McIlmoyle of Fraserville was rounding a curve to the right when his 1988 Chevrolet pick-up truck crossed over into the teen's lane.

After the collision, the Lumina went into a steep ditch and landed on its roof. The truck landed on its side, pinning McIlmoyle, who was partially ejected.

His passenger, 29-year-old Allen Bolduc of Oshawa — who had celebrated his birthday the previous day, making this the

fourth person involved who was having a birthday on or near the accident — was treated and released at Haliburton Hospital.

Ambulance crews and 14 volunteer firefighters from Dysart were soon at the scene. The truck had to be manually pushed upright to free McIlmoyle and firefighters cut through the car to rescue three of the teens.

Const. Rob Orlowski of the Minden OPP is investigating the accident. Alcohol is suspected as a contributing factor and charges are pending against McIlmoyle, police say.

News of the accident quickly reverberated across the county, especially since the teens were so well known and liked. The mood at Lotus Fest was somber and that night, a memorial was held for Sisson.

"Bob was a beautiful kid who brought joy to everyone he encountered. I can't come close to contemplating how the Sissons are feeling. It's just devastating," says Paul Morissette, a teacher at HHSS who with his wife Sharon, a nurse at Haliburton Hospital, was keeping vigil at Sunnybrook. "Bob



A TRAGEDY ON HWY 118: West Guilford teenager Bob Sisson was sitting behind the driver of this 1997 Lumina when a truck crossed into the car's lane and hit it head on. Bob died of his wounds a few hours later. The other backseat passenger, Mike Morissette, was seriously injured, but he's now home. The driver and front seat passenger were saved from serious injury by airbags.

represents all of our kids."

"No one wants that phone call in the middle of the night and when you get it, can it be anything worse? Those are words every parent has had sleepless nights over. You sit in the Sissons' shoes for 20 minutes and it's not nice," says HHSS principal Gary Brohman. He went to visit both the Morissettes at Sunnybrook and the Sissons at their home in West Guilford.

"Bob was the talented kid who could get into your heart.

We cheered for him," he adds.

"Bob was truly a heartbeat in the school. He'd be the only kid in the school who everyone knew. It's really a tragedy."

"When you thought of Bob, you thought of Bob going on to Hollywood, or just going on," says former Echo co-op student Sue Carr, whose tribute accompanies this story.

As people coped with the loss of Bob, there was also nervous apprehension about Mike and there were many rumours about the seriousness of his injuries. Apparently, on Sunday morning, one minister announced to the

congregation that Mike had died.

On Sunday, however, Mike was taking a few steps around his room, albeit very painfully and with the aid of a walker.

At first, he had a concussion and "a little fracture" on his cheekbone caused a lot of swelling. There's a concern he might need surgery for damage to his sinuses, but he was fully alert and had no loss of memory.

"They were really concerned about internal bleeding," says his father, describing the "six hours of hell" as doctors ran several tests to determine the extent of the injuries. "The seat-belt really jarred inside so that's what they were worried about. He's feeling fine now, he just looks a little rough."

Mike also suffered a hairline fracture on an ankle and a broken finger.

The funeral service for Bob is today (Tuesday) at St. George's Anglican Church in Haliburton.

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"The most popular guy at HHSS"

by SUE CARR
HHSS Student

This article was supposed to be about the reaction of local teens to Bob Sisson's death, and it sounded like a great idea at first, but now, I think it should be more about Bob himself. The community knows how we feel, and I'd like them to know why.

Bob was definitely the most popular guy at HHSS. In a small town, there doesn't really seem to be a fight for popularity, but if I had to name one guy who everyone loved, it would be Bob, and for good reason.

Bob was an incredible person, in all aspects. Most obviously, he was a performer. Drama of

HHSS, and even within the community, revolved around Bob. No one could portray an Australian, or a farmboy-turned-movie star or even, in his last role, a woman, like Bob Sisson, and everyone knew it.

His voice was the first voice we heard reading our school announcements in the morning, and, most likely because of his exuberance, the loudest voice we heard in the halls.

Bob was the kind of guy who we all asked to sign our yearbooks, not just because he was our friend, but also because we needed proof that we grew up with Bob Sisson, the director, the actor, whatever he chose to become. We all knew that Bob

was going to make it big someday, and perhaps the worst part of his death is that his talent was shared with so few people.

Bob was involved in music because he loved it. He was an exceptional drummer, but in his last year at HHSS, we all thrived on hearing Bob rap. Bob could make music out of anything, and delighted us in doing so, even on the late bus home, where he proved his entertaining skills countless times.

He must have known the lyrics to every Doors song in existence, and even sang me to sleep with them on a ride home from Wonderland.

He wrote incredible columns for the school paper (which he came up with the name for "Speaking Loudly") about his love of film, articles that we didn't dare edit, in fear that we'd take some of the sparkle from his writing.

On Student Council, Bob was the highlight of the year. Whether it be impersonating Dennis Rodman, or Craig the cheerleader from Saturday Night live skits, Bob was hilarious.

Bobby was daring, that's for sure. When everyone dyed their hair on the Grade 10/11 Washington trip, it was no surprise when Bob shaved his entire head. It wasn't that much of a surprise either when, last summer, Bob packed up his belongings and some money, and hitchhiked to British Columbia and Quebec, though his first real visit to Toronto occurred on a field trip only two years earlier in Grade 9.

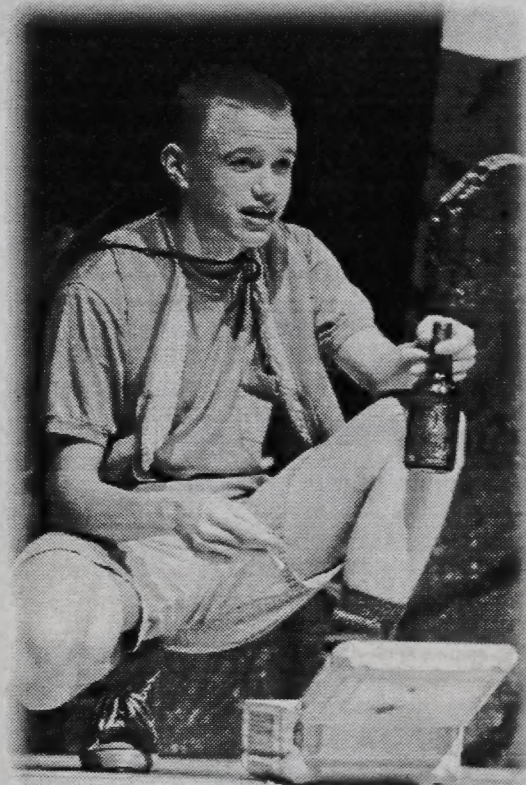
When Bob came back from his summer vacation last year, it wasn't even surprising to see that he had had his chin pierced because, it was just like him to do the unexpected.

He never hid his emotions. He cried during movies, and unlike most other guys, never tried to act as though he wasn't feeling the emotion of the scene. In fact, Bob saw the true art in film-making, and appreciated each movie he saw, rather than just watch it like the rest of us.

And unlike some people, Bob



Bob Sisson was known for his superb acting, most recently in Anne of Green Gables. Above: Bob as the King in The Ugly Duckling, Dec. '96. Left, as a roustabout in Picnic on Hanging Rock, May '95.



had no doubts about his love for his family. At a party he held not so long ago, he gave us a tour of his house, and upon seeing his sister's room, made sure to tell everyone to "not touch any of Mary's things." He cared for his family, and he cared for people in general.

Bob was one of, if not THE, nicest guy I knew, and I don't doubt that many people in Haliburton are saying that same thing. Bob would stick up for anyone, yet, ironically, he had no enemies. Bob was the guy who would talk to people his friends didn't approve of, because Bobby seemed to like everyone, just as much as we all

liked him.

If this article were to be about our reaction to his death, I would focus on Lotusfest. Few people at last weekend's concert weren't crying, or remembering Bob. In the ceremony held for him late Saturday night, we prayed on tobacco, which we then burned, in saying goodbye. An astonishing number of people stepped forward to deposit their tobacco on the burner, and all from different classifications of groups.

Everyone, from all walks of life, truly loved Bob, and it will be hard to not expect him to arrive at the next party, arms raised in Bob-like salute.

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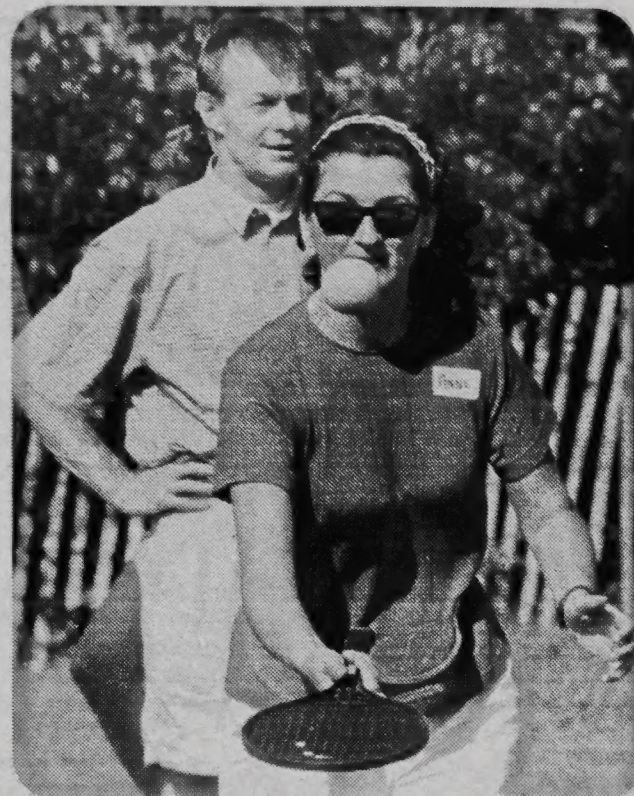


Photo far left, these two get to know each other in the Two In a Hoop race. Above, ever try putting a wing nut on a bolt while wearing oven mitts? Above, Dr. Garic Harmsen from Holland cheers on his teammate while she bounces a ball. Left, the enthusiasm of the crowd made the Canning Lake festivities even more fun

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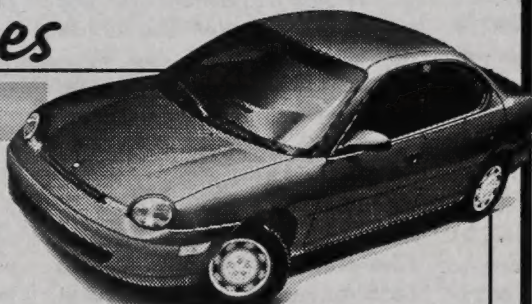
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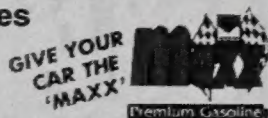
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Editorial

A tragedy for all

Sometimes, when your good luck lasts for a long time, you are lulled into believing that you've actually managed to keep bad luck at bay, that somehow, it's going to pass you by and knock on other people's door. It's not that you wish bad luck on the others, but you think that in some way, good luck has become your due. Part of your brain knows this is a false sense of security, yet you bury any doubts with the optimism that has helped human beings survive the dangers of this world ever since we were among the hunted, not the hunters.

Several years ago, this county suffered a tragic spate of accidents which claimed the lives of several teenagers. The community was numbed by its pain, which touched so many families. Gradually, however, when year after year another group of young people managed to survive their youth unscathed, there was a palpable sigh of relief at the end of each summer. Nightmares receded; people once again believed that bad things only happened somewhere else.

Saturday morning's accident involving four teenagers has destroyed that sense of invincibility. The fragility of life, and the speed at which it can be taken away, was made all too clear with the loss of one of those teenagers, and the possibility all four might have died. The accident took on horrific proportions as people heard the news that a car which carried four local young people had been involved in a head-on collision. At first, no one knew if any or all of them had been killed, but with the highway closed for so long, people knew it was bad. As the name of the teens involved became known, it was with a painful dread that people asked about their condition. One asked, but didn't really want to hear the answer in case it wasn't good.

For the Sisson family, the answer was the worst imaginable, and to them, the community expresses its profound sorrow and deepest regret. Of course, every life is valuable, every child is loved, but Bob's formidable acting abilities had also endeared him to the hundreds of people who had watched him in various plays over the past few years. Lots of kids have fun in drama; Bob had the talent to be one of the very few who succeeded. A master mimic, he could do any accent, portray any age and transform himself into any character – and yet be utterly believable. He had that natural – and rare – ability to lose himself in another persona. Off stage, he was funny and, dare we say it, very nice. The county lost a bright, engaging and talented young man; also gone is the promise of even greater success.

Perhaps no other parents are aware of just how much worse the accident could have been than Paul and Sharon Morissette. As they watched the Sissons cope with their anguish for Bob, they prayed for their own son Mike to survive his injuries, fully aware of how easy it can be for things to turn the wrong way. Another bright, pleasant and personable young man, Mike was first listed in critical condition and then as the weekend progressed, was downgraded to stable; he was walking with the help of a walker by Sunday. Like the three other teens in the car, his emotional trauma will take much longer to heal.

There are so many other people who will need time to heal. The four kids are all well known and of course, Bob was part of that very large – and close – West Guilford Sisson clan. Many of the firefighters who arrived on the scene Saturday morning had teenaged children, children who were friends with the four in the car, and perhaps had even been at the same party. The teenagers weren't just accident statistics, they were people well liked by those fighting to save their lives. At the hospital, staff would be more than aware that Mike was the son of their friend and co-worker, Sharon; Paul has probably coached or taught many of their kids.

It's a horrible, horrible thing when in just a second, so many lives can be hurt and one life can be lost. Our days are filled with millions of such seconds and for a while at least, we won't be able to forget how easy it is to have our world thrown into chaos, how it's in the midst of a seemingly normal day that tragedy occurs. M.P.



Cori Rootham-Muise at the Rotary Carnival

Photo by Peter Downs

Guest Column

Making the county work well

by Tamara Wilbee
County Office

SUSTAINABLE development does not imply 'no growth', it implies change that respects the integrity of the natural environment and that integrates the different segments of our community more effectively into the economic, social and cultural life of the Haliburton County community.

Appropriate economic development is a key tool in generating a higher quality of life for both the permanent and seasonal residents of the county.

The Strategic Planning Committee and the county need the input of as many citizens as possible. We have already had an excellent start with the high attendance at the July 24 meeting. If you would like a copy of the summary report from this meeting, please call Tamara Wilbee at the County Office at (705) 286-1333. Please plan to participate at the next set of meetings on August 21 at the Stanhope Firefighters' Hall.

The August 21 meetings will give you an opportunity to contribute to developing actions plans in the following key areas:

Wise Management and Protection of the Environment

A key concern in sustainable development is to strike a reasonable balance between economic/residential development and conservation of our natural resources including protection where appropriate. Issues include forestry practices on both private and Crown land, lake capacities, water quality,

noise pollution, various uses and accessibility to space and appropriate means of ensuring effective participation of all legitimate stakeholders in the development and management of processes and standards.

Creating and Maintaining a More Stable and Diversified Economic Base

Diversification of the economic base is critical in providing an adequate employment base and a solid tax base for infrastructure provision. The concern is to encourage activities that are appropriate to maintaining the environmental features that make the County an attractive area to reside and vacation in. Areas for investigation include commercial services, retailing, light manufacturing, the role of cottage industry and arts related activities, education related opportunities, tourism and forestry based industry. Issues that might be addressed include provision and assessment of needs for training and skill development to meet emergent demands.

Roles of Seniors and Retirees in the Community

With an increasing senior and retired population in the County, real opportunities exist in this segment of the community in terms of disposable income, expertise and experience as well as access to professional and social networks. The challenge is to ensure that not only their own needs are catered to but also that this segment of the population are a fully involved part of the community and its development process.

Transportation and Accessibility

With a small and dispersed population base, the area poses important challenges in relation to transportation needs within its territory. Transportation needs vary dramatically between different population segments as well as being dependent on the municipality of residence. Access to services (both public and private) is an important factor in quality of life. Issues to be discussed involve the various needs and how appropriate forms of transportation can be developed to improve accessibility levels to our citizens.

Co-Operation and County-wide Management & Planning

Given the pressures currently felt throughout Ontario with the redefinition of the roles of Provincial and Municipal governments and the ongoing debates around County restructuring, people are feeling an increasingly strong need for co-operation at the County level. Issues of concern include the development of a County-level management process to co-ordinate and communicate between the various development efforts already in existence or those that are scheduled for implementation. Another concern is to ensure that all legitimate stakeholder interests are represented in this process of governance.

Building and Marketing the Community

Building a community is the first step to marketing it. This

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Why I live here

I HAVE HAD many people express their surprise at why I, city-born and bred, now live in Haliburton. They can't understand why I would choose to live in Smalltown, Ontario, where the pace is sometimes slower and everybody seems to know everyone's business. After the past week I have been reflecting upon that very question and this is what I came up with.

Fourteen years ago when I was still living in Ottawa, several people we knew who lived in Haliburton had come to run in the



ANNECDOTES

Anne Creelman

everyone an update. It seemed everyone had heard and was very concerned. By the end of the week, all was well with the return of the patient and a good prognosis.

That is one of the traits of a smalltown. There always seems to be a connection of one kind or another with everyone you meet. It is often joked about that you better watch what you say and to whom because you never know

who they are related to. Sometimes living in a small town can be a bit of trial since

everyone hears different stories and passes them on. Before you know it, you may find yourself in the middle of that old game of "telephone", where the message gets passed from person to person and not always correctly.

And I believe this is where Haliburton differs from other small towns. I believe that when people in Haliburton find themselves in a crisis or indeed, a senseless tragedy like this past weekend, they have a special way of banding together to give support to those who need it. The outpouring of empathy, compassion and caring is incredible. Although this town only has a weekly paper and no radio station, the word is passed with phenomenal speed and immediately the cry goes out that help is needed. People are immediately there to help and are always on standby if the time isn't yet right.

In Haliburton, as the Carole King song says, "all you have to do is call, and I'll be there". I have been on the receiving end of this wonderful sense of community when my own family has had tragedy and grief and I hope that in some way, I give some back to those in need.

We can never know the fear, pain and sadness that people suffer, nor can we take it away or change it. But we can all be there to offer comfort and support in any way we can and in Haliburton, that's what people do. And that is why I choose, and am lucky enough, to live here.

Kirk, my-then-boyfriend, called my home in Ottawa to pass on the news and to say that the wife of the runner was at the hospital and could she come and stay out our house while things were being worked out? Without even a pause my mother said of course and our house was the runner's wife's for the next few weeks while her husband recovered and recuperated. From that episode a strong friendship was formed and when I did move to Haliburton later that summer, I felt I already had a group of friends in my new home.

Through them and my new husband and family, I was fortunate to meet many more people with whom I have had the privilege of becoming friends.

Fast-forward to last week in Haliburton when I received a call from one of the dear friends I have known since that first summer I was here. I felt like I was living a *déjà vu*. It seemed her husband had had a heart attack and had been taken to Ottawa. Same song, different people, and yet not so different. The call went out to my sister who readied her guest room and shoulder. Friends called back and forth wondering what they could do to help. I felt I should have had a float in the Rotary Parade to give



Pic of the Past

ONCE AGAIN, we've dipped into the Jack Hoxie Collection at the Haliburton Highlands Museum for this photo of the dedication of the cenotaph on Haliburton's main street. It's probably one of the few times there were so many cars con-

gregated on the street in the years immediately following World War I. The house was known as the Lucas house, now owned by Harry Brohm and occupied by Out of Time Antiques.

Gambling a poor way to tax people

IF WE OVERLOOK the ever-present risk of death by boredom, growing up in small town Ontario in the early '60's certainly had its advantages.

Provided with a modicum of parental control, children were shielded from many of the potential pitfalls of big city life. Although alcohol was always a major threat, bars were not allowed in Haliburton County until a 1964 county referendum, 'recreational' drugs were just a rumour for most kids, and, apart from crowns and anchors at the local carnival and the occasional private poker party, gamblers had to travel far away to really indulge. No longer.

Despite feebly enforced laws to the contrary, booze is readily available to anyone who knows anyone who has the requisite I.D. Drugs have long since made their ugly presence felt here in a big way, as any teenager will tell you, and access to porn is as close as your nearest computer keyboard. And we now have one of the largest casinos in Canada on our doorsteps, closer than Toronto, an easy 90-minute drive away.

As a recent article in Toronto Life pointed out, while 'gaming' (gambling to you and me) can be a recreation for the wealthy,



PERSPECTIVES

Lon Duncombe

for many of the poor it's an investment. So for every friend or relation who is off to Rama to have dinner and spend \$20 or so at the tables, there is probably another guy or gal who is looking to make the big score, pay off debts and change his or her life forever.

Unfortunately, gambling is probably one of the worst investments you can make. The laws of probability dictate that, in the long run, most gamblers must be losers. It follows that providing opportunities for dedicated gambling addicts to get their fix on a regular basis is a no-brainer source of revenue for, in earlier times, organized crime families, and today, disorganized civil servants.

Gambling is as attractive to government as it is to gamblers. It feeds, and becomes reliant, on a rich stream of short term revenues plucked from the pockets of those who can afford it least, while ignoring the long term costs to society that large scale organized gambling will

inevitably incur - higher levels of poverty, alcoholism, lost work hours and expensive treatment for addicts. The Ontario government is now considering the legalization of video gaming terminals, a highly profitable electronic version of the one-armed bandit.

Gambling may bring short term profits to those communities that are the first to jump on the bandwagon, (although not in the case of self contained casinos, where most of the spending occurs on the premises). Eventually, however, it becomes a zero sum proposition as surrounding communities react with their own strategies for keeping money in the community, strategies that usually revolve around - you've guessed it - gambling.

Detroit is planning casinos to compete with Windsor and the C.N.E. wants the chance to win back customers from Rama. And so society will eventually become inundated.

Given the above, perhaps the provincial government should rethink its stand on gambling and try to come up with a tax strategy that doesn't rely on the exploitation of its own citizens.

Input is once again sought

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does not mean merely developing an image to sell to the outside world (investors, entrepreneurs, tourists and potential residents) but it also requires the image to be sold to the existing community. This issue involves both internal and external marketing. Internal marketing including community building and enhancement, integration of various population segments and development of a community must take place first in order for the County to successfully market itself externally.

Role of Youth

Our youth represent the future

of our community. They possess energy, initiative and creativity but they don't remain youth forever. Unfortunately, many of our youth leave the County for both social and economic reasons and this does not speak well for the community in which they were raised. As a community, we need to determine how youth can contribute to building a community that they want to remain a part of. We need to assess the needs of youth in terms of providing services and skill development and find ways to get them directly involved in planning these services and in the development of initiatives and opportunities.

Boonieville

by Charlie Teljeur



Rotary Mile hits another milestone

■ *New women's course record set*



Charlie Szerenyi is cheered on by fellow "Camp Allsawers" on his final stretch

A new women's record was set and more camp kids became involved in this year's Rotary Mile through Haliburton.

Nathalie Côté of Ottawa, who recently competed in the nationals, completed the course in 4:46:09, a new record. The second woman to cross the line, another nationals competitor, Sarah Dillabaugh of Greely, was also faster than the previous best women's time.

But the runner who captured most people's hearts was Charlie Szerenyi, a camper from Camp Allsaw. By the time he approached the centre of the main street on the beginning leg of his course, the first place winner, Harvey Mitro of Scarborough was ready to cross the finish line. But Mitro wasn't

doing the course with two braces attached to his arm.

This year, there were several new sponsors, a fact which probably saved the annual event, organizers say. The 1997 sponsors were Perfect Prints (Luke Schell took pictures of each racer crossing the line and printed them for free), County Commercial Printers, Curry Motors, Financial Concept (Gord Schakelaar), Haliburton Scout Reserve (which donated two \$50 prizes for the top male and female camp participants in honour of its 50th anniversary), Henwood Variety, Sid Stamp, Fuels and V&S Haliburton.

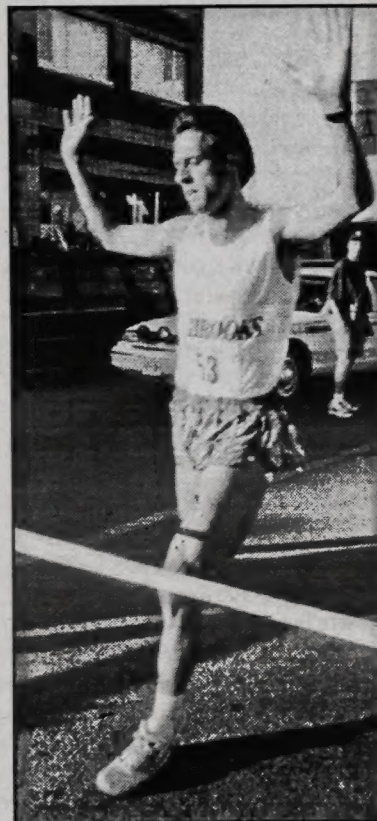
The top three results in each category are as follows:

Open Men's: Harvey Mitro, 4:28:79; Kirk Dillabaugh, Greely; and Rick Harris of Sarnia (who won the mile in its first three years)

Junior Men's: Drew Graham of Guelph, who also came in second overall with a time of 4:32:36; Steve Himmelman; and David Sandomierski.

Masters Men's: Fred Robbins, 4:44:41; Tim Payne; Ray Clifford

Open Women's: Nathalie Côté; Sarah



Winner Henry Mitro, above; Andy Barnard and Stephanie Ratz, after the race, at left:

Dillabaugh, Greely; and Nicole Masil of Scarborough.

Junior Women's: Stephanie Ratz of Haliburton, 5:56:89; Alexis Lowes; and Caitlin Pettit of Stanhope.

Haliburton Scout Reserve: Stephanie Ratz, representing Camp Allsaw; David Sandomierski, representing Haliburton Scout Reserve.

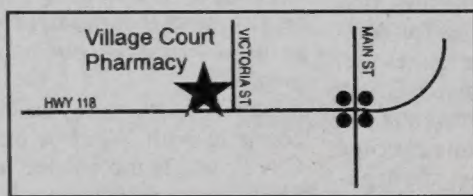
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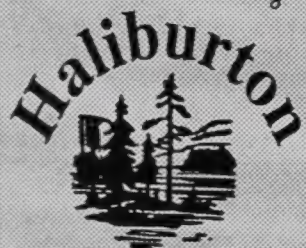
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Every Thursday
LINE DANCING at the H.C.H.S.S. drop in centre 10:00 am-11:30am, seniors 55+ and/or physically challenged 18+

August 16
Miner's Bay Lodge LAWN SALE with clowns, balloons, grab bags for the children, baked goods, crafts, artist portraits. Come and enjoy coffee and muffins. Proceeds shared with Cowman School, Haiti and Habitat for Humanity. 9:30am to noon.

August 16 & 17 HALIBURTON COUNTY FAIR Minden Fairgrounds. Be sure to see the displays in the Curling Club. Members of the Minden Lawn Bowling Club will be selling refreshments and home bakings after 11:30 a.m.

August 16 SLRA ANNUAL CORN ROAST and SAILING RACE (rain date Aug 17) 6:00pm Elstone's Flats

August 20
WHEELS TO MEALS, 12 noon, KEIS, Haliburton. 457-3941

August 25
FALL / WINTER AQUASIZE REGISTRATION, Call for additional information 457-3941

August 27 JUNIOR GOLF TOURNAMENT at Haliburton Highlands Golf Course. 12:00 noon. BBQ lunch included. Great prizes. Maximum 50 people Cost \$5.00 (payable in advance) plus green fees of \$10. To register or for more information, call Ryan Hutson at 457-4072.

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NECK AND NECK ON HEAD LAKE: The annual Rotary camp challenge had Head Lake Park swarming with canoeists.

Camps paddle their way to canoe trophies

The Rotary Canoe Camp Challenge was held at Head Lake Park as part of the Rotary Carnival festivities on Friday. More than 120 campers took part and the following are the results, in order of ranking:

Junior Girls (11-13)

Sara Pieper & Katie Hoult, Camp Wenonah; Carolyn Taylor & Heidi Craig, Camp Gay Venture; Alex Haggarty & Amanda McClure, Camp Wanakita

Junior Boys (11-13)

Gord Graham & Tyler Jewett, Camp Kandalore; Alex Langley & Mike Conlan, Onandoga; Aaron Smith & John Hollingshead, Camp Wenonah

Senior Girls (14-16)

Ruth Schafer & Caileah Matthews, Camp Gay Venture; Julia Cott & Megan MacDonald, Camp Wanakita; Sylvie Brownlow & Julia Blood, Camp Wanakita

Senior Boys (14-16)

Matt Burke & Alex Campbell, Camp Wenonah; Geoff Boyd & Andy Kilmer, Camp Kandalore; Dave Feneky &

Chris Van Der Water, Onandoga

Open Ladies (Staff)

Courtney Green & Ellen Thomas, Camp Wenonah; Meredith Hendy & Megan Shaw, Camp Kandalore; Sarah Fleming & Diane Gribbin, Camp Wenonah

Open Men (Staff)

Dave Eva & Steve Moore, Camp Wenonah; Denis Giles & Simon Wells, Camp Wenonah; Andy Weekes & Max Donalan, Camp Wanakita.

Wanted:

by PETER DOWNS
Staff Reporter

If the thought of dragging yourself out of bed at five in the morning to drive an hour or more to the hockey rink in the dead of winter has already begun waking you up in a cold sweat, relax.

A new hockey league proposed to start in the fall will offer kids the fun and excitement of hitting the ice, but spare them — and their parents — the gruelling road trips.

The Haliburton Minor Hockey Association hopes to organize a house league that will play solely in Haliburton.

Up until now, boys and girls have had only two options if they want to play competitive hockey: The Tri-County League, open to all players, or the OMHA, for the best players from different age groups.

In both leagues, parents and players have to log long drives each week through all kinds of weather and road conditions to get to games.

"You spend an average of two to two-and-a-half hours travelling for 30 minutes of actual playing time. And when there are two lines, then you're only playing for 15 minutes," said HMHA

president Jim Winn, who is helping to organize the new house league.

Not only is getting to away games time-consuming, but also it can be expensive.

With the cost of gas and a meal on the road, it's easy to spend \$40 to \$50 on a single trip, said Winn.

"There are kids who don't play because Mom and Dad have a business and either can't afford to travel or can't afford the time to travel," he noted.

But organizers are hoping the new house league will change that.

"Regardless of time constraints or financial constraints, all kids should have the opportunity to play hockey," said Winn. "... I've had many parents of kids who are not playing hockey say they'd love to have them playing, but they can't handle the away games."

The new house league will be open to boys and girls 10 years of age and under. As it grows older children will also be able to join the league, said Winn.

Initially organizers are aiming to register 45 kids for four teams.

Games will likely be scheduled on Sundays mornings, either from 8 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. or from 9:30 a.m. to 11 a.m.

Boys and girls for house league hockey, no need to travel outside Haliburton

For the first 45 minutes players will practice skills, followed by a game during the remaining 45 minutes.

Children will play and practise with players of their calibre.

For kids who want to play more than once a week, it may be possible to put together one or two select teams to play exhibition games in other towns, said Winn.

But the main point of the new league is to keep kids on their home ice.

"The most important thing for kids at this age is to have fun and to improve at hockey, you have to be on the ice, not travelling," said Winn.

Registration for the house league will take place during the first week of September at Haliburton's arena. Players will require full equipment.

Hockey boundaries between the associations in Minden and Wilberforce will be honoured.

"We don't want to take players from their associations, but if down the road their associations would like to get involved in this, we would certainly look at it," said Winn.

For further information, call Jim Winn at 457-1234 or house league convenor George Schmid at 754-3681.

Those interested in helping with Stanhope Triathlon meet Aug. 16

Volunteers for the Stanhope Triathlon are being asked to attend a meeting on Saturday, Aug. 16 at the Stanhope Library to learn more about their duties, and a few more helping hands are always appreciated to give the inaugural event a strong first showing. Athletes packages which show course routes and

distances will also be available on that day. Registrations are \$20 and available at the following locations:

The closing date for registrations Sunday, Aug. 17 at 4 p.m.

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Evaporation sees TSW levels decline

The lakes in the area are being hit hard for water by the very dry conditions. With only 12 to 15 mm of rain in about four weeks, a decline is under way everywhere.

The Haliburton lakes which normally average a decline of approximately 3.5% per week, during the summer, dropped nearly 5 percent over the past

week. They are now 6.2% low at 67.7% compared to the normal of 73.9%.

The Kawarthas are generally into their navigation ranges, but declining slowly despite a considerable flow being drawn from the reservoirs. Outflows to the Otonabee and Trent Rivers are at minimum for the dry conditions down in that area.

Lake Simcoe-Couchiching is running below its normal level too and the flow is at minimum to the Severn River. Boat launching and access in many areas could be becoming difficult now.

Dry weather this week is expected to continue the present decline rates.

ROTARY CAR WINNER



A FAMILY AFFAIR: A few weeks ago, John and Marilyn Galbraith asked their cousins, Shawn and Dianne Hagerman, to their house for the weekend so they could all watch the Symphony of Fire fireworks display. (Marilyn and Dianne's mothers were Windover sisters.) In thanks, Shawn gave the Galbraiths and their daughter two tickets for the Haliburton Rotary Car Draw, held at Wednesday's Carnival. "This may be the best gift you've ever got," Hagerman told them, and he wasn't far from wrong — the Galbraiths won. Here, Marilyn and John pick up the 1997 Pontiac Sunfire from Hagerman, Carnival chairman Amin Shivji and Curry Motors' Don Popple.

Haliburton Minor Baseball League

American League	W	L	T	Pct.	GB
Yankees (Haliburton Lumber)	4	3	1	.500	-
Red Sox (Kennisis Lake Marina)	4	3	0	.571	0.5
Blue Jays (Emmerson Lumber)	2	4	1	.286	2.0

Results of August 4 Red Sox 16, Yankees, 6

National League	W	L	T	Pct.	GB
Cardinals (Village Donuts)	9	1	0	.900	-
Rockies (Rodco Enterprise)	6	4	0	.600	3.0
Royals	4	5	1	.400	4.5
Orioles (McKeck's Place)	0	9	1	.000	8.5

Results of Aug. 4 Cardinals, 12, Rockies 1 - Rockies 10, Orioles 7

Canadian League	W	L	T	Pct.	GB
Brewers (Home Hardware)	7	3	1	.636	-
Phillies (G.J. Burtch Construction)	6	5	0	.545	1.5
Pirates (Easton's valu-mart)	5	6	0	.454	2.5
Marlins (Curry Motors)	3	7	1	.273	4.0

Results of August 5 No games played this week

• Additional sponsorship by Paul Wilson Surveying Ltd. •

Play-offs are this Saturday

Incorrect phone numbers appeared in last week's story on the new Haliburton Hockey Haven. For more information or to register, visit the HHH office on Haliburton's main street or call 457-1787 or Pat Russell at 705-454-8717. Full details next week



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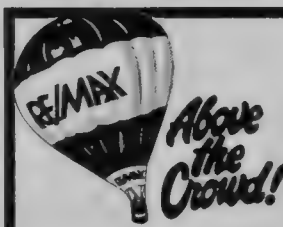
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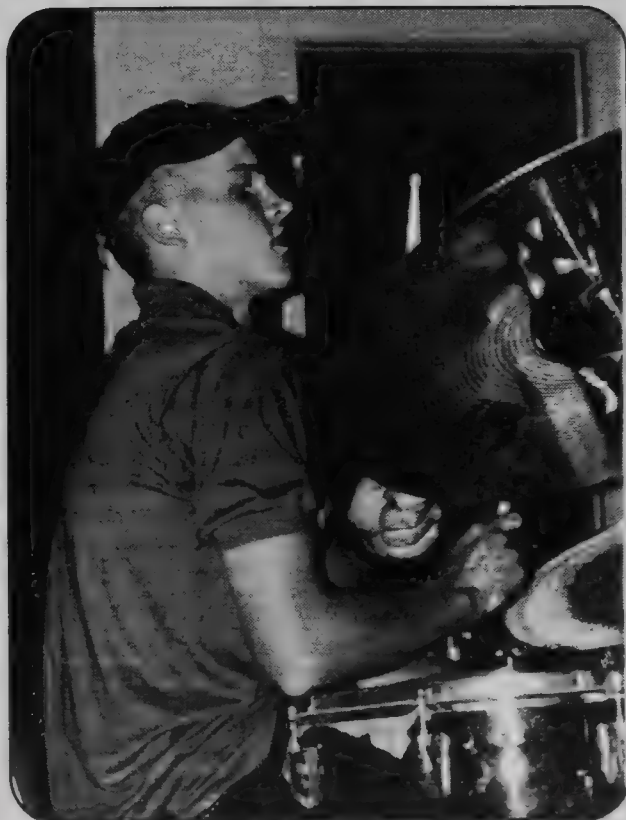


Morgan Talaba, left, guitarist and lead singer for home-grown favourites Arlo took to the stage on Saturday night in Glebe Park. He was among four organizers including Eric Harris, Josh Brown and Blake Jackson who turned the idea of Lotus Festival into a reality.

Lotus Festival



Arlo's bass player, Donald Todd, was instantly cheered when his thudding notes resonated throughout the park. Arlo was one of 11 bands that entertained the crowd of about 150 who gathered for Haliburton's first ever Lotus Festival geared towards the area's youth.



Ian Milligan, drummer for Arlo, pounded throughout the band's set



Ryan Cummings, guitarist and lead singer for Chez Morrison, came up with his band from Newmarket to be part of the festival.

by MARIA CALABRESE
Staff Reporter

Haliburton's youth embraced the Lotus Festival this weekend as they used the venue to celebrate Bob Sisson's life and lean against each other for support.

"It's good that everybody could be there together and share their feelings," said musician Eric Harris who is also one of the event organizers. "I don't know if everyone could have done that if they were at home."

He said they might be able to donate their profits to the high school for a scholarship on Bob's behalf.

There were 11 bands which took to the stage during the day-long music festival. It's the first of its kind in Haliburton and, although circumstances got the show off to a slow start, by the evening about 150 people gathered at Glebe Park to hear local favorites belt out some heavy guitar riffs that rang throughout the field.

Harris, guitarist for Alderaan, and fellow

event organizer Morgan Talaba, guitarist and lead singer for Arlo, were just some of the home-grown favorites on stage Saturday night.

Josh Brown, concert manager, and Blake Jackson, head of security, were the other two masterminds behind Lotus Festival, and the first venture into live entertainment production for these four young entrepreneurs can be heralded as a success.

The crowds cheered for both local favorites and out-of-town guest bands, and the festivities for Harris and some others continued well into the night with a well-deserved party.

Police were present during the event, although they weren't needed considering exceptional organization and planning produced a first-rate festival with no complaints from area residents.

No one is ready to consider making Lotus Festival an annual event, but the organizers' accomplishments have opened the doors to similar occasions in the future.

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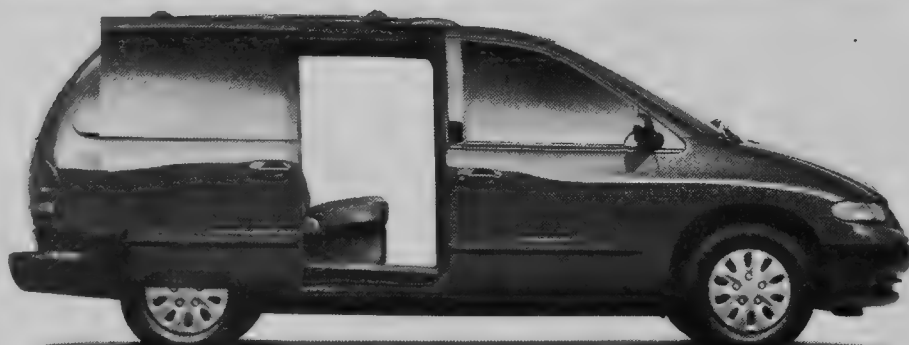
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PineStone chooses a new general manager

by PETER DOWNS
Staff Reporter

Two months after taking ownership of the PineStone Resort, Toronto-based RHK Capital Inc. has replaced the property's general manager and is set to begin the first improvements of a \$1-million upgrade plan.

Hans Gerhardt, president of RHK's newly created hotel division, said the company opted not to renew former PineStone manager Andy Frappier's contract when it expired on Thursday. He had managed the resort for 15 months.

Replacing Frappier is Trevor Morgan, who joins the PineStone after seven years as rooms division manager and assistant general manager at Huntsville's Deerhurst Resort.

"We brought Trevor in here because of his background in guest services, staff training and revenue generation," Gerhardt said Friday at the resort. "He came in very highly recommended and had some wonderful references from people he



RHK Capital's Hans Gerhardt, right, presents new PineStone general manager Trevor Morgan with one of the resort's golf shirts.

worked with and worked for."

In addition to his experience at Deerhurst, Morgan worked at two other properties owned by Canadian Pacific Hotels, including five years at Jasper Park Lodge in Alberta and Toronto's Royal York for 18 months.

Thirty-six minutes into his first day on the job, Morgan, a native of St. John's, Nfld., said he's excited about his new position at the resort and his involvement with RHK Capital.

"I've visited the PineStone as a guest with my family and one of the first things that struck me was the friendliness of the staff," he said. "I think the resort has tremendous potential for the

future and I'm

excited about being part of that." Gerhardt said RHK is ready to begin its plan to upgrade the property.

Two renovated model suites will be completed by mid-September. Between 50 and 60 guest rooms will be renovated.

Over the coming two months all rooms will be equipped with new televisions. The resort also wants to provide movie rentals via satellite hook-up.

Within the next six weeks, a rudimentary fitness area will be created with a more-advanced spa to be in place mid-December.

Also on the horizon, the resort plans to upgrade its audio-visual equipment for conference groups, update its front desk computer system and carry out golf course improvements.

Domtar defends "biodegradable" product

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there, and this is another deliberately applied source (of toxic material) that we just don't want," said Julia Langer, the wildlife fund's director of wildlife toxicology.

Domtar, which provides Dombind to more than 80 townships across Ontario, maintains the substance is "environmentally safe by any measure."

"Dombind is a completely biodegradable product," the company's environmental director said in a news release. "Regular testing shows that it contains less heavy metal, dioxins and other contaminants than naturally occurring soil."

"The only dioxins in there are from the ambient environment," maintained Gary Hodgins, general manager of Domtar's Trenton Mill, who called the wildlife fund "misinformed."

But however small, Langer believes the amount of dioxins and other chemicals in Dombind are still large enough to be "quite toxic to aquatic life."

"The thing to remember is that dioxins and furans are persistent. They don't go away. Every time you put more on, it adds up."

Municipalities that use Dombind are not supposed to spray it within 50 metres of a water

course.

But Kirkfield resident Maureen Reilly, whose concerns over the substance helped move the WWF to initiate its campaign, said it is virtually impossible not to contaminate waterways.

"Every time it rains, it washes into the ditches and is carried into the water systems..."

"Researchers have been looking at the effects of spent pulping liquor, which is what Dombind is, and they've found that it has mutation effects on fish in very small doses," said Reilly, who has met with Domtar to discuss her concerns.

Anson, Hindon and Minden uses Dombind because it has been told by Domtar that it is environmentally safe and it is cheaper than using calcium chloride, said public works superintendent Clayton Cameron. AHM uses 30,000 to 35,000 gallons of Dombind.

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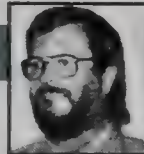
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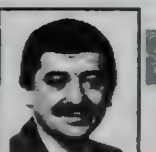
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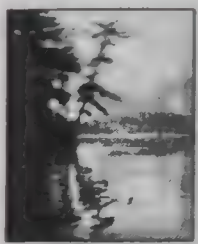
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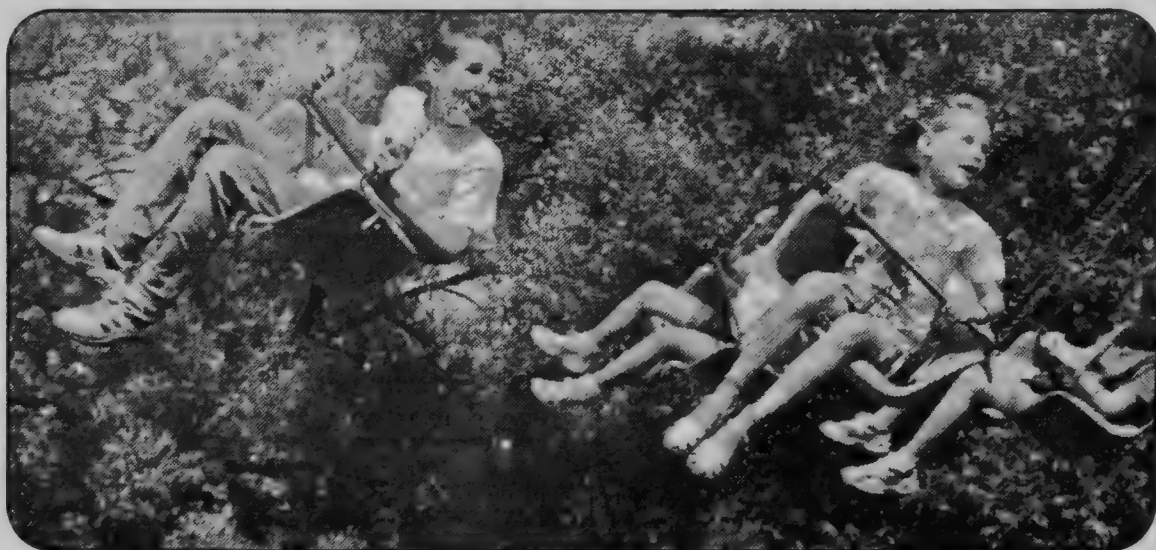
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Taking part in Wednesday's fun are, clockwise from top left: Max Creelman makes a one-eyed, one-horned purple people-eater at the CHACE activity centre; Christopher and Justin Greaves watch Washboard Hank with friends; Ted Rootham, his daughter Sandi Luck and granddaughter Cori Rootham-Muise watch the tomahawk; kids ride through the air; Emily Turner takes a more sedate carousel ride

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Drag Lake Fun Day

By Alan Ferguson

Great weather once again was in abundance for the big week-end on Drag Lake. Association members and their guests set records in attendance for each of the events.

CED HURD MILE SWIM

The first event, well run by Pat and Dave Reynolds, was the mile swim. This event attracted 24 entries, with close to 75 people in attendance, rowing the boats, cheering on the swimmers, or organizing the race.

Winning the Ced Hurd trophy for best handicapped time was Rachel Johnston, age 13, with a time of 23 min, 50 secs. Her sister, Jen Johnston, age 15, won the

Irene Morrison trophy for the best non-handicapped time 25 min 54 secs. Sarah Young, age 17, placed third with a time of 26 min and 40m secs. The youngest swimmer to complete the race was Geoff Guimond, age 8, with a time of 40 min 37 sec.

All the successful swimmers received a certificate with their times, signed by the president and the race coordinator.

SWIM & NOVELTY RACES

Later on in the day, Don & Jean Young and their assistants did their usual fine job of running the races at the Podmore Beach on Drag Lake. Again attendance was high, and racing was very competitive.

Winners of the races were:

Age 5-7 - Underwater - 1st Lindsay Guimond, 2nd Marika Iannucci, 3rd Rachel Witherspoon,

Age 8-10 - Underwater - 1st Lauren Guimond, 2nd Geoff Guimond, 3rd Cameron Lapp & Andrew Richardson

Age 11-13 - Underwater - 1st Steve Sharpe, 2nd Matt Cruikshank, 3rd Rachel English

Under 5 Swim - 1st Tori Bailey, 2nd Brianna McNeil, 3rd Johnny McNeil

Age 5-7 Swim - 1st Marika Iannucci, 2nd Rachel Witherspoon, 3rd Ramsey



Marc and Chris Cornwall breezed to an easy win during the three-legged race

Bailey

Age 8-10 Swim - 1st Lauren Guimond, 2nd Cassandra Iannucci, 3rd Geoff Guimond

Age 11-13 Swim - 1st Matt Cruikshank, 2nd Vanessa Iannucci, 3rd Rachel English

Age 18+ Open Swim - 1st Don McKinley, 2nd Cameron Bailey, 3rd Scott

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Under 5 Noodle Race - 1st Kaitlyn Sharpe, 2nd Brianna McNeil, 3rd McKenzie Bailey

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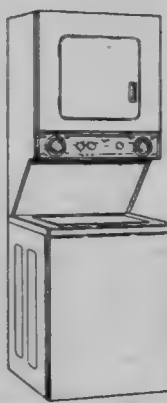
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3rd Mercedes Pisano
Age 8-10 Boys Noodle Race - 1st Geoff Guimond, 2nd Cameron Lapp, 3rd Luke Witherspoon

Age 11-13 Noodle race - 1st Jenna Richardson, 2nd Samuel Witherspoon, 3rd Steve Sharpe

Age 5-7 Flutterboard - 1st Rachel Witherspoon, 2nd Ciara Pisano, 3rd Lindsay Guimond

Age 5-7 Flutterboard - 1st Marika Iannucci, 2nd Kendra Vice, 3rd Kaitlyn Sharpe

Age 8-10 Flutterboard, Girls - 1st Lauren Guimond, 2nd Mercedes Pisano, 3rd Cassandra Iannucci

Age 8-10 Flutterboard, Boys - 1st Geoff Guimond,

2nd Mathew Iannucci, 3rd Cameron Lapp

Age 11-15 Flutterboard - 1st Steve Sharpe, 2nd Matt Cruikshank, 3rd Rachel English

FUN DAY

On Sunday afternoon around 200 participants gathered at the playing field of Camp Illahee for two hours of races and fun. Terri Richardson did a super job of organizing the event, as did the army of volunteers who helped run it.

Sack Races

6-9 Girls - 1st Lindsay Sharpe, 2nd Janice Reiling, 3rd Kendra Vice

6-9 Boys - 1st Aaron Korolnek, 2nd Greg McKenzie, 3rd Kevin

Wheeler & Geoff Guimond
10-14 Girls - 1st Jenna Richardson, 2nd Vanessa Iannucci, 3rd Daina Search & Julie Iantorno

10-14 Boys - 1st Steven Sharpe, 2nd Luke Witherspoon, 3rd Matt Cruikshank & Steven Moss
15+ Girls - 1st Rose Iantorno, 2nd Lindsay Phillips, 3rd Kathy Chapman

15+ Boys - 1st Marc Cornwall, 2nd Livio Iannucci, 3rd Don MacKinlay

Balloon Race

5 & Under - 1st Marika Iannucci, 2nd Lindsay Guimond, 3rd Lindsay Wilson

Sprints

5-7 Girls - 1st Jamie Rilling, 2nd Marika Iannucci,

5-7 Boys - 1st Robert Chapman, 2nd Thomas Hunt

8-10 Girls - 1st Kendra Freeland, Julie Iantorno, 3rd Cassandra Iannucci

8-10 Boys - 1st Brian Rilling, 2nd Christopher Wheeling, 3rd Andrew Richardson, Mather Iannucci & Aaron Korolnek

11-14 Girls - 1st Jenna Richardson, 2nd Rachael English, 3rd Kim Freeland & Vanessa Iannucci

11-14 Boys - 1st Steven Sharpe, 2nd Dean McKenzie, 3rd Scott Young

Over 15 Women - 1st Rose Iantorno, 2nd Lindsay

Phillips, 3rd Amanda

Chapman
Over 15 Men - 1st Don MacKinlay, 2nd Marc Cornwall, 3rd Stan Korolnek

Kick-The-Shoe

Under 15 Girls - 1st Vanessa Iannucci, 2nd Laurie Iantorno, 3rd Cassandra Iannucci

Under 15 Boys - 1st Michael Olexiuk, 2nd Steve Sharpe, 3rd Geoff Guimond & Roland Bell

Over 14 Women Heat 1 - 1st Karen Wybrow, 2nd Christine Hunt, 3rd Sarah Young

Over 14 Woman Heat 2 - 1st Denise Bell, 2nd Judy Iannucci, 3rd Sue Bell

Over 14 Men - 1st Scott Wybrow, 2nd Chris Cornwall, 3rd Brian Small & Marc Cornwall

Three-Legged Races

Under 11 Girls - 1st Cassandra Iannucci & Julie Iantorno, 2nd Jamie Rilling & Kendra Freeland, 3rd Briana McNeil & Marika Iannucci

Under 11 Boys - 1st Greg McKenzie & Gabe Munn-Magill, 2nd Aaron Korolnek & Andrew Richardson, 3rd Mathew Iannucci, & Robert

Chapman

Over 10 Girls - 1st Jenna Richardson & Rachell English, 2nd Laurie Iantorno & Vanessa Iannucci

Over 10 Boys - 1st Marc Cornwall & Chris Cornwall, 2nd Mike Fink & Mike Gilpin, 3rd Scott Young & Steve Sharpe

Baby Bottle Chug-A-Lug Adults - 1st Don MacKinlay & Suzie Fink, 2nd Scott & Karen Wybrow

Egg Toss

1st - Tyler & Bob Hunt, 2nd Brian & Chuck.

In the Tug of War the men over 30 out grunted the men under 31, while in the ladies division those under 30 managed to outpull their seniors after a tough battle.

The winners of the Nail Driving were the Samuel Witherspoon for the under 15s, and Mike Fink for the over 14s

In the Golf (Marshmallow Driving) Linda Halse won the ladies, Luke Witherspoon won the under 11s, and Jim McKenzie won the mens.

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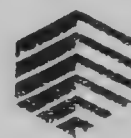
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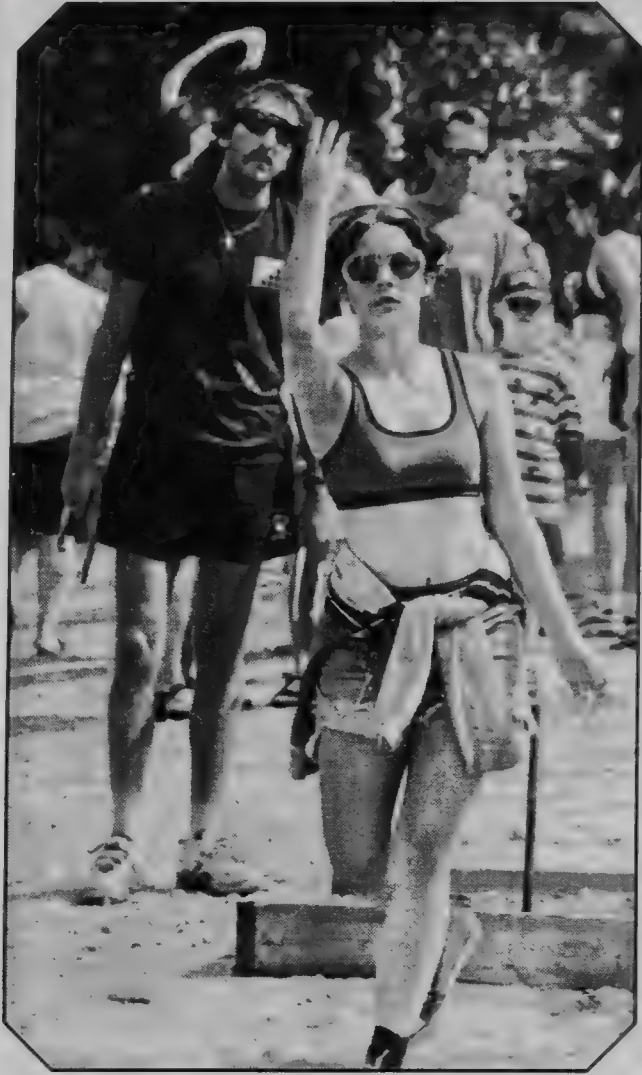
Haliburton Lake Regatta

• Photos by Martha Perkins •



Clockwise from top left: Ashley McKeown catches an egg; another girl catches a balloon; CBC radio host Tom Allen helps daughter Melissa; a mother pushes her son; Cassidy Hicks talks herself into going in the water; Jackie Dunham and Hilary Warren build a sandcastle; a swimming competitor chats with Kelly Kay; Kevin Fegan catches a balloon; and Amy Stewart hands hers over





Kennisis Lake Regatta

photos by Peter Downs

The Kennisis Lake Cottage Owner's Association organized a busy day of activities this past long weekend. Clockwise from left, Joe Tunney, of St. John, New Brunswick, was visiting with his grandmother and kept cool during the regatta with a refreshing carton of milk. Deb Fogarty shows off her bikini shirt. Leah Jeffery aims for a ring during the horseshoe throwing competition while Dave Meyer looks on. A few brave souls dared to try log rolling, and others got wetter still playing balloon toss or going swimming. Practicing for the in-and-out canoe race are Peter Lancia, left, and Ryan Goldenberg, right, while Bryon Rodd helps steady their canoe. Full regatta results in next week's Echo.



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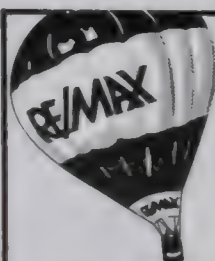
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Saturday, August 16, 1997

8:00 - 11:00	⇒ Pancake Breakfast (Exhibit Building, Curling Club)	1:00 pm.	⇒ Grandstand - Official Opening
9:30 am.	⇒ English Horse Show	1:45 pm.	⇒ Fleece Judging - Livestock Barn
10:00 am.	⇒ Exhibit 8 Building open (Curling Club)	2:00 pm.	⇒ Parade Prizes awarded (Grandstand)
	⇒ Beef Cow/Calf Class (Livestock Barn)		⇒ Music - "Kidd Kountry" Band (Grandstand 0)
10:30 am.	⇒ Haflinger Show	2:45 pm.	⇒ Sheep Show - Livestock Barn
	⇒ Heavy Horse Show		⇒ Contests at Grandstand
11:00 am.	⇒ Barbecued Beef on a Bun	3:00 pm.	(Oldest Lady, Children's Balloon Contest etc.)
	⇒ Midway Opens - Townsend Amusement Rides	3:15 pm.	⇒ Music - "Kidd Kountry" Band (Grandstand)
11:30 am.	⇒ "Grandfathers 4 Band"	6:00 pm.	⇒ Light Horse Pull followed by Heavy Horse Pull
12:00 noon	⇒ PARADE		⇒ Exhibit Building Closes
12:30 pm.	⇒ English Horse Show		

Sunday, August 17, 1997

8:00 - 11:00	⇒ Pancake Breakfast (Exhibit Building, Curling Club)		Lions Club, Music - Scott's Band, RR No. 1, Scott Gartshore 286-3865
9:30 am.	⇒ Western Horse Show	1:00 pm.	⇒ Horseshoe Pitching Contest, Sponsored by: Royal Canadian Legion, Minden and Gerald Cooper 286-3735
10:00 am.	⇒ Exhibit Building Opens (Curling Club)		⇒ Kids' Day Games, Sponsored by: Royal Canadian Legion, Branch 129, Haliburton
	⇒ Pony Harness Class		⇒ Demolition Derby
10:30 am.	⇒ Roadsters, Hackneys, Draft or Commercial Ponies	2:00 pm.	⇒ Exhibit Building Closes
11:00 am.	⇒ Townsends Amusement Rides - "Pay one price" \$10.00, also individual tickets available	3:00 pm.	⇒ Exhibit Building Auction: all donations auctioned - articles, baking etc.
	⇒ Barbecued Beef on a Bun	3:30 pm.	
	⇒ Sanctioned Goat Show (Livestock Barn)	4:30 pm.	
12:00 noon	⇒ Mutt Show		
1:00 pm.	⇒ Talent Show - Sponsored by: Minden District		

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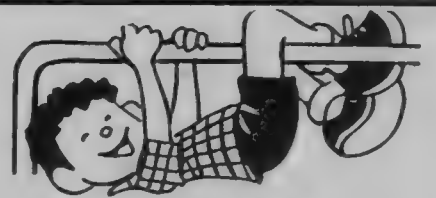
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Season of reunions for Guilford families

The Cowens and Sissons gathered for reunions, and the Coopers for a wedding, all on Aug. 2.

The Cowen reunion at the centre was a pot luck for the 130. From the Jim Cowen family all 10 were present, with spouses and children and their families: Fred with Dot from Thessalon, Bill with Verna; Doris and Jim Cooper and Alvin and Margery Cowen all from Beech Lake, Vi and Garnet Coulter from Campbell River, and daughter Joan with husband Jim Munro all from B.C.; Ada Lepine of Oshawa with Pat and Louise, Ethel Upton from Extensicare, Haliburton, Betty and Maria. Bert and Nila Cowen, with Danielle, and Billie-Jo Stamp of Florida, and David Cowen, of Fenelon Falls. Russell and Marilyn Cowen of Haliburton with Kim and Paul Wilson and family of

WEST GUILFORD

News

Eleanor Cooper
754-2388

Haliburton. Max and Joyce Cowen of Penetang. The Jack Cowen contingent consisted of Harry, Eric, Carrier, Phyllis, twins Ruth and Ruby, Grace Cowen and Lois. The Tom Cowen side was represented in Norman Cowen and Marie and Adrian Whitefield and in Mervin (grandson) and Betty of Wiarton.

The Bill Cowen family representatives were Mary Cox, Evelyn (Hewitt) Gibson, and various Horsley and Hewitt families. All who came enjoyed the gathering greatly. The last reunion had been 1992.

At Erma Sisson's at the beach of Pine Lake, the Andy Sisson reunion

included the following, and again, the list must be incomplete due to various limitations. However as much as can be recorded, her it is: Erma and Ron's four families, the David and Ken Chumbleys (Laura just back from a trip to Newfoundland), the Kevin and Shane Sissons, Earl and Louise Sisson, Blaine Sisson, Spencer and the Feirs, Bryon and Sylvia Sisson, Bernard, Joyce, Craig and Lynn Sisson and Aldyth and Curry Bishop. Other close relatives included Marilyn and Brenda (Gibbons) Cowie, Pat Smyth, Claude and Wynn Woodcock, Keith, Dean, Mark Sheridan and families with parents Ken and Margie. All of the above have extended families and this annual event helps keep everyone sorted out and in touch for the present.

As indicated, the Cooper

reunion or a small part of it at least, happened, as a result of the most joyous occasion: Paul Madden's wedding to Marlene Elliot in Ottawa. Amongst the 230 invited were of course Sid and Louise Cooper (Paul's mother), Jaro and Ian, the George and Alan Coopers, Beth and Greg Chandelier, Andy Cooper, The Mitchells, Bill Johnsons, Leslie Schells of Haliburton, Bradleys of Thunder Bay and Ottawa, Toby West of B.C. and the Ken Rapsons with their two sons' families complete, Al and Marie Cooper receive honourable mention by virtue of mother Elva here at home!

Last week's company here included Carolyn Campbell-Sheen and boys, Alex, Iain, and Fraser of Collingwood. Last Monday's thousand dollar Bingo was won by Bev Parish of Haliburton.

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DORSET

News

Phyllis Briscoe
766-2237

We wish a happy birthday to Bill Rawlins and Stephanie Lazarte.

The A.C.W. will be holding a bake sale on Friday morning, Aug. 15 in front of the post office,

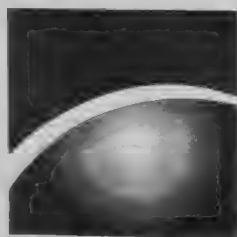
beginning at 10 a.m.

Dave McKey, his wife Karen and their children, Brianna, Devon and Sarina took a few days holiday to travel to Fenwick and Niagara Falls. They camped at Effingham, just out of Fenwick, at the Lazy Loop Ranch. there was a Team penning contest, hosted by the Niagara Team penning Club. There were 24 teams competing, from Niagara and Oxbow ranch. Dave and his team won a first, with the beat time. The camp ground was a tent city, lots of children and entertainment for all. The family then went into Niagara Falls, which was about a half hour drive, where the children enjoyed staying in a motel with swimming pool, and from there they toured the city and saw the falls as well as the other points of interest. They all enjoyed a well deserved holiday trip.

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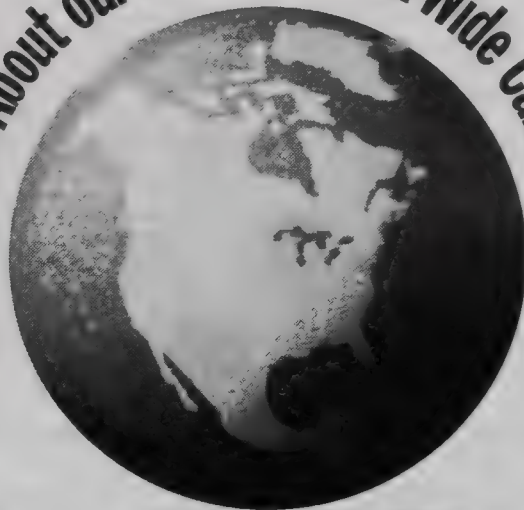
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Ann McKay
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Spending the weekend with Garth and Helen Windsor were Mr. and Mrs. Don Epp of Toronto. Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Cully hosted a dinner for her Father, Bob Barry, and all of his family, Diane, Nelda, Norman and sister Pat of Oshawa. Mr. and Mrs. Al Cheesman have family visiting with them. Ken and Mathew McKay of Caledon East are holidaying here.

The Cowan-Cowen family held their annual Reunion in West

Guilford the weekend of August holiday. Friends and relatives of Lou Tomkins gathered at their home on Twelve Mile Lake to help celebrate his 80th birthday. The Tomkins have been summer residents since either the late 1930s or early 1940. Congratulations.

Get well wishes to Vera Bagshaw who is in the Haliburton Hospital suffering from pneumonia. Mark Windsor and family of Sudbury holidayed with his parents Garth and Helen Windsor.

NOTICES TENDERS

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Ministry of Natural Resources has received a proposal from High Falls Energy Corporation to construct a weir approximately 1 metre high across the Irondale River at Lot 6, Con. 6, Monmouth Twp. (High Falls)

A public meeting will be held at Wilberforce on August 14, 1997 (Township Offices) 2:00 - 4:00 p.m. at which time plans and specifications will be available for review

Please send your comments to the Ministry of Natural Resources within 30 days of the meeting date, attention Monique Rolfvonden Baumen.

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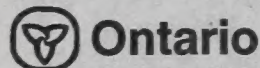
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NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Council of the Corporation of the United Townships of Dysart et al proposes to enact at its regular meeting to be held on Monday, September 8th, 1997, a by-law to close, stop-up and convey part of a Colonization Road, known as the Old Kennaway Road Road, located in the general vicinity of Paradise Lake, in Part of Lot 27, in Concession IV, in the Township of Dysart, in the County of Haliburton.

WHICH SAID PARCEL or tract of land is illustrated and shown as Part 2 on a preliminary reference plan, prepared H. Curry Bishop, OLS, and dated February 15, 1996, being available for inspection in the office of the Planning Administrator at the Municipal Office in Haliburton, Ontario.

BEFORE PASSING the said by-law at its meeting to be held as noted above, the Council of the Corporation of the United Townships of Dysart et al shall then and there hear in person or by his counsel, solicitor or agent, any person who claims that his land will be affected by the said by-law.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION is available for review from the Planning Department at the Municipal Office during regular offices hours (9:00 am to 5:00 pm Monday to Friday).

DATED at the Township of Dysart, this 25th day of July, 1997.

Patricia E. Martin
M.C.I.P., R.P.P.
Planning Administrator



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Dysart et al

NOTICE

WHEREAS the Council of the Corporation of the United Townships of Dysart et al has by resolution declared a portion of a shoreline road allowance in front of Part of Lot 17, in Concession X, on Bitter Lake, in the Township of Guilford, in the County of Haliburton, to be surplus.

NOW THEREFORE NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Council of the Corporation of the United Townships of Dysart et al proposes to enact at its regular meeting to be held on Monday, September 8th, 1997, a by-law to close, stop-up and convey part of the said shoreline road allowance in front of Part Lot 17, in Concession X, on Bitter Lake, in the Township of Guilford, in the County of Haliburton.

WHICH SAID PARCEL or tract of land is illustrated and shown as Part 1 on a preliminary reference plan, prepared Paul Wilson, OLS, and dated June 25, 1997, being available for inspection in the office of the Planning Administrator at the Municipal Office in Haliburton, Ontario.

BEFORE PASSING the said by-law at its meeting to be held as noted above, the Council of the Corporation of the United Townships of Dysart et al shall then and there hear in person or by his counsel, solicitor or agent, any person who claims that his land will be affected by the said by-law.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION is available for review from the Planning Department at the Municipal Office during regular offices hours (9:00 am to 5:00 pm Monday to Friday).

DATED at the Township of Dysart, this 25th day of July, 1997.

Patricia E. Martin
M.C.I.P., R.P.P.
Planning Administrator

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GOODERHAM

News

Anne Costeloe
447-2400

There are a few meetings scheduled for this week.

On Saturday, Aug. 12 at 7 p.m. there will be a Works Committee meeting in the council chambers. And on Wednesday, Aug. 13 at 7 p.m., a council meeting will also be held in chambers.

Euchre is still scheduled for Thursday nights at the Community Centre.

C.H.A.C.E. will be here on Aug. 18 at the Community Centre. These people work hard for the kids.

I came across a little tidbit in a newspaper and I would like to share it with you. There is no name to which I can give credit. I hope that you enjoy reading it.

Your Country
Have respect for yourself and your country. Be good to yourself. Be good to the land on which you live. Be grateful, not greedy. Work to make things better. If your neighborhood is being run down build it up, don't run away. Be kind instead of curt. Stop at stop signs. Don't make illegal U-turns. Be honest. Smile. Don't litter your life. Clean up the part of the world in which you live. Vote. Show love. Do unto others as you wish to be done by. That's how to make you a better person and your country a better place to live in.

If there is anything that you would like to report about coming events, or special occasions, please feel free to call anytime at 447-3247 or send a fax to 447-3116.

Blooms & Butterflies



The Minden and District Horticultural Society held its annual flower show Blooms and Butterflies at the Minden Community Centre on Aug. 7 to 8. Clockwise from bottom left, Marie Akzner (left) and Denise Stringer toured rows of tables filled with plants, flowers, vegetables and crafts. John and Verna Hallworth got in for a closer look, and Tanner Ballantyne, 2, gets a boost as he reaches for some colorful butterflies.

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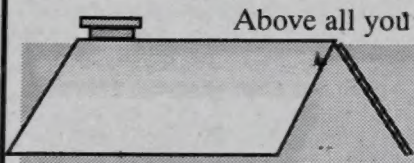
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Week of activities highlighted by royal birthday memories

July 25 we had a great happy hour with the Grandfathers. It was also the day of our fashion show. The models enjoyed themselves and were dressed up in lovely clothing. Their make-up was done by a Mary Kay rep and their hair styled by Mabel.

Thanks to Kathy Harrison for sponsoring and providing the clothing, to the volunteers, dietary staff who provided the goodies and the activity staff for their help to organize this event.

Thanks also to the ladies of Kinmount Baptist who served at our monthly birthday tea party. And we enjoyed our Happy Hour on Aug. 1 with music by C&M Musicians.

On Saturday, Norma volunteered to help residents with their veggie and flower

SENIOR LEAGUE

Hyland Crest News

The Roving Reporters

gardens. In spite of our lack of rain, our little gardens are doing well. Thank you for your help, Norma.

On Sunday, Roland Sedgewick visited the family home in Minden. There to greet him were family members from far and wide.

Monday was the regular monthly visit of the Salvation Army with Mrs. McClintock on piano.

On Tuesday we happily remembered the Queen Mother's 97th Birthday. A few of us remembered earlier visits of the Queen Mother and King George VI

to Canada, when Queen Elizabeth and Princess Margaret were just little girls.

On Wednesday, we had our barbecue and the food was terrific. Also that day Nina Prentice had a visit from an old school chum, Fern, from Lindsay.

We were sorry to hear of the passing of John Dicker in his 82nd year. Our sympathy to his family and friends. Also, we said goodbye to Mary Longo, our physiotherapist who will be attending a teachers college in North Bay. We wish her success. On August 7, the Minden Legion served at our tea party. We thank them for their time with us.

A happy birthday to Muriel Welch who will celebrate her 80th on August 15th.



BIDDING BUDDIES: It was standing room only during the Haliburton Highlands School of Fine Arts auction on Aug. 7, although Sid Brinkman, right, and his wife Wendy Bateman had front-row seats to view the works of art donated by local, and out-of-town, artists. The school raised \$10,000 which will be used towards scholarships.

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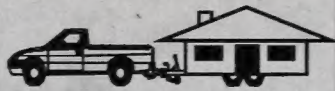
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JUST CLOWNING AROUND: Above, Candace Lockwood from Bancroft received a balloon animal made by the colorful Arthur Murphy, one of many clowns at the Penny Raffle at Monmouth Recreation Centre. Right, Trish Vanier, 8 1/2, added to the festivities, and she even managed to put a few raffle tickets in for herself.

Fun for all at Monmouth Penny Raffle

Over 700 people jammed the Monmouth Arena on Saturday for the Penny Raffle organized by the Committee for Renovations to the Lloyd Watson Centre.

It had fun, flare, colour and enthusiasm with welcoming clowns, games for kids and free hot dogs from Bowes & Cocks.

Maybe it's no secret anymore; Geordie is 80 years old. George Earle knew

WILBERFORCE

News

Hilda Clark

about the surprise party on Sunday, but claimed he was surprised that so many were there. Held at the Monmouth centre, it was arranged by Joan and Ken Noble, Heather and Herman Poppe, Pat and Lee Clarke.

He has been a life-time resident in Wilberforce, farming, making maple syrup, building cottages, cutting his own firewood and always ready to lend a hand and stop for a chat. Always ready with a story, a smile, a little hug for his friends, it's no surprise that so many came out to wish him well. The celebrations will likely continue past Monday, August 11,

his actual birth date.

The Gentlemen of Song and their leaders, Marg Jeske and Elsie Lewis sung at the Decoration Day Service at Wilberforce United Church on Aug. 10. Soloists included Charlie Weedmark, Stanley Beard and Phil Shcherbak who also entertained at Extencicare in Haliburton last week and at the Essonville Memorial Service last Sunday. They are much appreciated for their talent and willingness to share it.

On July 29, Carol Miles and Elizabeth Mugridge of the Haliburton Highland Genealogy Group presented "Genealogy for Beginners" at the Outpost Historic House. They spoke of the importance of keeping records, making notes of where and when information about ancestors was gleaned, and asking leading questions - questions to put people at ease, and feel comfortable enough with talking about the past. Many are making great use of the Internet to work on their family trees.

If you are looking for a place to use your word

skills, drop by the Outpost House at 10:30 a.m. for the next three Wednesdays Aug. 13, 20, and 27 for some Scrabble. Other events at the Outpost this week include the Fifth Anniversary Celebration with the Corn/Wiener Roast on Aug. 15 at 7 p.m. Bring a lawn chair, coffee mug and an appetite for Gerald Shackleton's fresh corn and likely some birthday cake!

If you have some garden or wild flowers, the beauty of which you'd like to share, make up a bouquet and bring them to the Outpost on Thursday or Friday this week. The Heritage Guild would love to display them throughout the weekend. This is not a contest, just a chance to share a little beauty.

You are still invited to add to our postcard display for the rest of the summer.

The Loop Troupe begins meeting again Wednesday, Aug. 13 at 7 p.m. at the Lloyd Watson Centre. New members very welcome. Come out and learn about the next play - You may want to try out for a part on stage or

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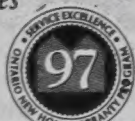
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